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SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE VISIT BY SECRETARY BUTZ - USE OF YOKOTA AFB

EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PRESENT TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR SECRETARY BUTZ AND HIS PARTY TO ARRIVE JAPAN 1540 APRIL 17 AND DEPART 1700 APRIL 18 ON BOARD AIR FORCE ONE AND FOR ONLY YOKOTA AFB TO BE USED. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE THIS WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS AND POSSIBLY INSURMOUNTABLE, PROBLEMS RELATING TO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA) PROVISIONS REGARDING USE OF U.S. MILITARY BASES. IN THE PAST SUCH V.I.P. FLIGHTS HAVE USED HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR PASSENGER ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE AND THEN PARKED AT YOKOTA. WE WOULD NOT ENVISAGE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT PROCEDURE. FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT IT WOULD BE FAR MORE CONVENIENT FOR SECRETARY BUTZ AND HIS PARTY, SINCE HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION FROM YOKOTA IS DEPENDENT ON WEATHER CONDITIONS AND DRIVING TIME VARIES FROM HOUR AND A QUARTER TO OVER TWO HOURS. PLEASE ADVISE.
SHOESMITH

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